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PART - V

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

The 9th September, 2011.

No. LB.62/LA/2011/2.—The Meghalaya Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011 introduced in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on the 9th September, 2011 together with the statement of objects and Reasons is published under Rule 71 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly for general information.

ANNEXURE - III

THE MEGHALAYA FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND BUDGET MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2011

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Bill

to amend the Meghalaya Fiscal Responsibilities and Budget Management Act, 2006

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Sixty-second Year of the Republic of India as follows: -

Short title, and Commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Act, 2011.
- (2) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Amendment of Section 4.

2. In section 4 of the Meghalaya Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2006 as amended, in sub-section (1) -
 - (i) for clauses (a), (b) and (c), the following new clauses (a), (b) and (c) shall be substituted, namely, -

“(a) maintain revenue surplus during the award period of 2011-12 to 2014-15 as recommended by the Thirteenth Finance Commission.

“(b) reduce fiscal deficit to 3 percent of GSDP or less during 2011-12 to 2014-15 of the award period of the 13th Finance Commission.

“(c) ensure that outstanding debt of the State will be aligned as recommended by the 13 Finance Commission and such outstanding debt expressed as percentage of GSDP shall progressively be reduced from 32.7 percent during 2011-12 to 31.7 percent during 2014-15.

(ii) after clause (f) the following new clause (g) shall be added, namely, -

“(g) the Government shall notify a Medium Term Fiscal Plan with three years rolling targets, giving details of all significant items of receipts-expenditure along with underlying assumptions made for projection purpose”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

The Thirteenth Finance Commission has recommended that the State amends its Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2006 to provide for, among other things, a Medium Term Fiscal Plan to enable the State to adhere to the fiscal reform path and attain the following fiscal targets stipulated in the Report of the 13th Finance Commission: -

- (a) Maintain revenue surplus during the award period of 2011-12 to 2014 -15 as recommended by the 13th Finance Commission.
- (b) Reduce fiscal deficit to 3 percent of GSDP or less during 2011-12 to 2014-15 of the 13th Finance Commission.
- (c) Ensure that outstanding debt of the State will be aligned as recommended by the 13th Commission and such outstanding debt expressed as percentage of GSDP shall progressively be reduced from 32.7 percent during 2011-12 to 31.7 percent during 2014-15.

In view of the above, Amendment of the Meghalaya Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2006 becomes necessary.

Hence, the Bill.

DR. MUKUL SANGMA,
Chief Minister, i/c Finance

H. MYLLIEMNGAP,
Secretary,
Meghalaya Legislative Assembly

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

No additional expenditure will be involved from the Consolidated Fund of the State of Meghalaya for implementing the provision of the enactment.



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ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

The 9th September, 2011.

No. LB.58/LA/2011/3.—The Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya (Member's Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2011 introduced in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on the 9th September, 2011 together with the statement of objects and Reasons is published under Rule 71 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly for general information.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MEGHALAYA (MEMBERS' SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2011

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Bill

further to amend the Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya (Members' Salaries and Allowance) Act, 1972.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Sixty-second Year of the Republic of India as follows: -

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya (Members' Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2011.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on and from 1st April, 2008.

Amendment of Act 8 of 1972.

2. In the Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya (Members' Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1972 -

(a) In section 3, for the words "rupees five thousand", the words "rupees twenty thousand" shall be substituted;

(b) In section 4, -

(i) In clause (a), for the words "rupees fifteen thousand", the words "rupees five thousand" shall be substituted;

(ii) In clause (f), for the words "rupees ten thousand", the words "rupees seven thousand" shall be substituted;

(c) In section 6A, in sub-section (2), for the words "rupees seven thousand", the words "rupees five thousand" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The salary of the MLAs was revised from Rs. 3000/- per month to Rs. 5000/- per month *vide* the Meghalaya Legislators' Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Act, 2010 and deemed to have come into force on and from 1st April, 2008. Simultaneously, the other allowances as fixed T.A., Postage allowances, medical allowance, secretarial allowance, driver allowance, telephone allowance was also accordingly amended. On 25th March, 2011 during the Budget Session when the Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya (Member's Pension) (Amendment) Act, 2011 was taken up for consideration, it was pointed out that there is an anomaly in revising the pension of ex-MLAs to Rs. 10,000/- per month when the pay of sitting MLAs is only Rs. 5,000/- per month.

In order to remove the above anomaly, it is proposed to revise the Salary of MLA from the existing Rs. 5,000/- per month to Rs. 20,000/- per month. It is also decided that the total emoluments will be at the same level of Rs. 1,03,000/- per month. However, as to maintain the same level, the fixed T. A. Secretarial assistance and Telephone allowances of MLAs shall stand reduced from the existing rate of Rs. 15,000/- pm to Rs. 5,000/- pm, Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 7,000/- and Rs. 7,000/- to Rs. 5,000/- respectively.

Hence the Bill.

ROWELL LYNGDOH,
Deputy Chief Minister,
Parliamentary Affairs.

H. MYLLIEMNGAP,
Secretary,
Meghalaya Legislative Assembly.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

There will be no additional financial expenditure from the Consolidated fund of the State for implementing the provision of the Bill.